

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-24 are allowed.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitation of the use of "a method in a data processing system for controlling the transfer of data from the data processing system to a network, said method comprising the steps of: creating a file list of one or more data files to be controlled; creating a process list for each data file in the filed list, wherein each process list identifies one or more processes executing in the data processing system that has accessed the data filed associated with the created process list; receiving a request from a requesting process executing in the data processing system to transfer data from the data processing system to the network; determining if the requesting process is identified in one or more created process lists; and if the requesting process is identified in a created process list, prohibiting the requested transfer of data from the data processing system to the network" as stated in claims 1, 9, and 17. This limitation, in conjunction with other limitation in the independent claims, is not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art or record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S. Chou whose telephone number is (571) 272-5779. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

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